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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Chicago (9-3601)

Date: November 18, 1964
FBI File No. 95-110865
Lab. No. D-462721 DL
D-462739 DL
D-462866 DL
D-463229 DL

Re: UNSUBS; Anonymous Letters Being Sent From Alleged Supporters of SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER; [redacted], et al. - VICTIMS; EXTORTION

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Specimens received 11/4/64, from FBI, New York

Q17 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted] Jewish Currents 22 E. 17th St. New York 3, N.Y."

Q18 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Qc19 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Jewish Currents 22 E. Seventeenth St. New York 3, N.Y."

Qc20 Photocopy of card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Page 33 of the November 1964 issue of Jewish Currents entitled "MORE ON DEATH THREATS TO OUR EDITORS"

Specimens received 11/4/64, from FBI, Chicago

Q21 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q22 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q23 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q24 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

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Casper
Callahan
Conrad
DeLoach
Evans
Gale
Rosen
Sullivan
Tavel
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Holmes
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Q25 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "[redacted]" b6 b7C

Q26 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q27 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "[redacted]"

Q28 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q29 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "[redacted]"

Q30 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q31 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 7 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "[redacted]"

Q32 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q33 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "[redacted]"

Q34 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Specimens received 11/6/64, from FBI, New York

Q35 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Jewish Currents 22 E. Seventeenth St. New York 3, N.Y."

Q36 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

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Specimens received 11/12/64, from FBI, Chicago

Q37 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Pearl Hart 2821 N. Pine Grove Chicago, Ill."

Q38 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Result of examination:

It was found that the addresses on the envelopes designated as Q13, Q15, Q17, Qc19, Q21, Q23, Q25, Q27, Q29, Q31, Q33, Q35 and Q37 were all prepared on a typewriter or typewriters equipped with Underwood elite type spaced twelve letters per inch. The typewriting is too limited to permit a determination as to whether these addresses were prepared on the same typewriter. These envelopes are all similar in size and style, and each bears a postage stamp commemorating Sam Houston.

The messages on the cards designated as Q14, Q16, Q18, Qc20, Q22, Q24, Q26, Q28, Q30, Q32, Q34, Q36 and Q38 are mechanical reproductions made from the same original. The make and model of typewriter used to type the original from which these reproductions were made were not determined because no such standard was located in the Typewriter Standards File. The place where these reproductions were made was not determined.

No indented writing, watermarks or other characteristics were found which would aid in tracing the origin of the paper or the identity of the senders.

A further search of the Anonymous Letter File was not made at this time.

The evidence is being retained temporarily.

OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS

It has come to our attention that threats have been made against Sen. Goldwater's life, and that your Soviet Communist UN delegate Fedorenko called for Goldwater to be "put into a strait-jacket".

The patience of American patriots is not unlimited. If any violence is directed against Senator Goldwater, Communists in the U.S.A. hereby stand advised that their corpses will then fill the morgues.

There is also a growing sentiment among patriots to require a Communist life for every American boy killed by your colleagues in Asia or elsewhere.

COMRADES: You and your fellow vermin have enslaved a billion human beings by means of terror, murder, rape, and torture.

FREE MEN are calling a halt to Communism—NOW!

10-29-64

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Airtel

MOT-43 9-42562-19

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. O'Keeffe

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100 REC-48

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING SENT
FROM ALLEGED SUPPORTERS OF
SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER;
[redacted] ET AL. - VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: CG

Enclosed herewith for Chicago and Los Angeles are copies of letters from the Department dated 10-13-64, and 10-15-64, and enclosures attached thereto, concerning captioned matter. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies of a letter captioned "Open Letter to Communists and Their Sympathizers."

For information of each office receiving this airtel, during the latter part of July , 1964, and the earl part of August, 1964, numerous individuals throughout the country received copies of the enclosed anonymous letter. The envelopes containing these letters were postmarked at either Chicago, Illinois, or Kingsburg, California.

The U. S. Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, reviewed the wording of the anonymous letter and advised that the threat is highly conditional and indirect, therefore, would not lend itself to prosecution under the Federal Extortion Statutes. Accordingly, no investigation was

Enclosures (11)

2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 10)
2 - New York (Enc. 2)
2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2)
2 - Washington Field (Enc. 2)

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instituted by this Bureau. The Department has now advised that it considers the threat contained in these letters to be a prosecutable violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes and that prosecution would be entertained if the subject and/or subjects are identified. Accordingly, investigation is to be immediately instituted concerning this matter.

Following is a list of individuals who, according to Bureau files, have received copies of these letters:

CHICAGO DIVISION

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[redacted] (SI Subject).

[redacted] (Chicago Office refer to a letter dated 8-10-64 to Senator Paul Douglas from Robert Marks, Illinois State Representative, enclosed, wherein he refers to the letter addressed to [redacted] his former [redacted]

[redacted] (Refer to above-mentioned letter from Representative Marks wherein he mentions that [redacted] one of his co-workers, received one of the letters).

Pearl M. Hart, Chicago, Illinois, (SI Subject) (Chicago refer to enclosures furnished with Department's letter concerning the letter sent to Pearl Hart).

[redacted] (SI Subject).

NEW YORK DIVISION

[redacted] "Jewish Currents," New York, New York, (SI Subject) (For information of New York, John M. Bailey, Chairman for the Democratic National Committee, Washington, D. C., previously corresponded with the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector concerning the letters received by [redacted] Bailey's letter was referred to the Bureau and Mr. Bailey was advised by letter of the opinion previously rendered by the U. S. Attorney, Chicago. Mr. Bailey is now being advised of the Department's opinion and that investigation is being instituted by this Bureau).

Airtel to SAC, Chicago
RE: UNSUBS; ANONYMOUS LETTERS

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

[redacted] (SI Subject) (For information of San Francisco, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan has previously corresponded with the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector concerning the letter sent to [redacted] This letter was referred to this Bureau and Congressman Cohelan was advised of the opinion previously furnished by the U. S. Attorney, Chicago. Congressman Cohelan is now being advised of the Department's opinion and the fact that this Bureau is instituting investigation.)

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[redacted] (SI Subject).

[redacted] (SI Subject).

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

[redacted] (SI Subject)
(Washington Field refer to your file captioned, "Unsub; [redacted] Victim, Extortion." Note that U. S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, declined prosecution concerning the letter mailed to [redacted] and that [redacted] was advised of the U. S. Attorney's opinion by letter from Chicago Office dated 7-23-64.) The Bureau does not desire that [redacted] be interviewed at this time.

Each field office receiving this communication, with the exception of Washington Field, will arrange to promptly interview victims residing within its respective territory. Prior to conducting these interviews field office files should be checked for information concerning victims. It is noted that many of these individuals are Security Index subjects and others have been involved in previous security investigations. WFO will note that the Bureau does not desire that [redacted] be interviewed concerning this matter at this time. WFO will contact Headquarters of U. S. Secret Service and the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector for any suspects or similar communications these agencies may be aware of.

All offices note interviews with victims having a security background should be handled by two experienced Agents. No comment should be made which could possibly enable any of the victims to criticize this Bureau. In the event any of the victims raise the question as to why investigation of this matter was delayed, they should be advised of the U. S. Attorney's initial opinion and the fact that the Department has reviewed this matter and has requested investigation.

In interviews, attempt should be made to locate and obtain the threatening letters and envelopes received by the victims and these letters and envelopes promptly furnished to the Laboratory for appropriate document and latent fingerprint examinations.

Chicago and Los Angeles will institute appropriate investigation at Chicago, Illinois, and Kingsburg, California, in attempt to identify the unknown subject or subjects. In this regard contact should be made with postal authorities at Chicago, Illinois, and Kingsburg, California, to determine if they have any knowledge of the identity of the person or persons mailing the anonymous communications.

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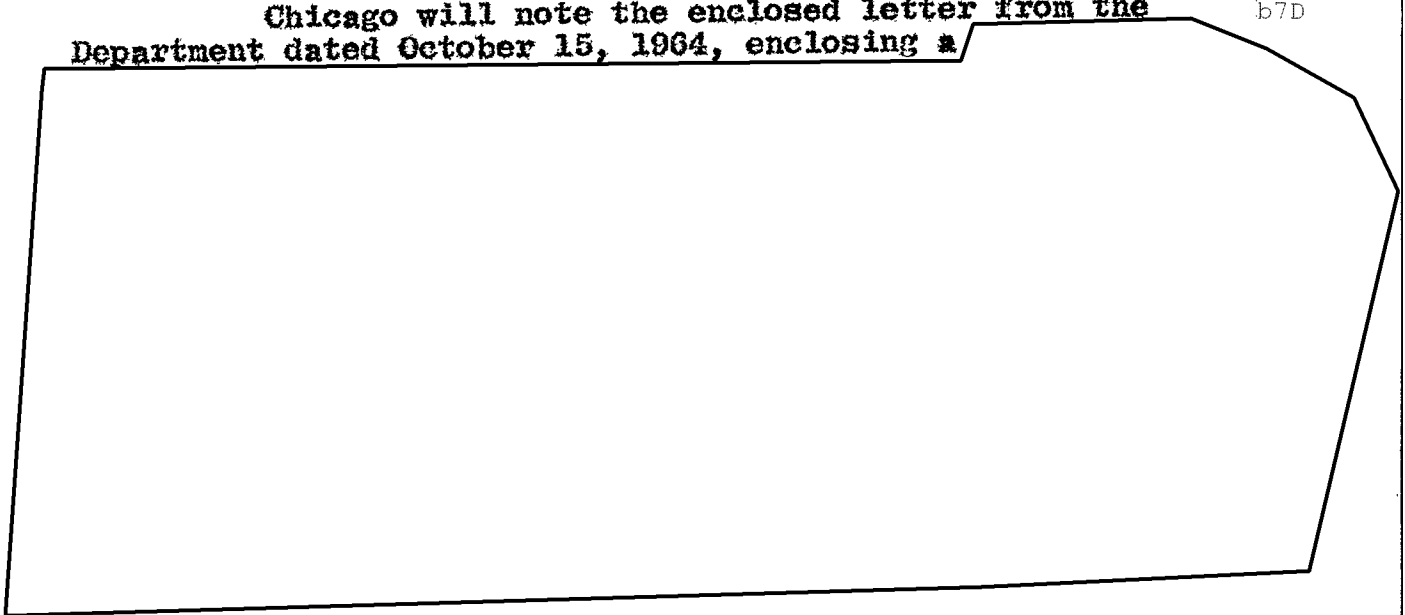
Chicago will note the enclosed letter from the Department dated October 15, 1964, enclosing a



Airtel to SAC, Chicago
RE: UNSUBS; ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Chicago and San Francisco will contact the appropriate Assistant U. S. Attorney and advise of the Department's decision in connection with this matter.

All offices will advise Bureau and Chicago results of interviews with victims and will furnish results of these interviews to Chicago on FD-302 suitable for inclusion in a report. Chicago should also be furnished with the results of an office file check of each of the victims.

In the event any field office has any information which would indicate that any victim should not be interviewed, this information should be submitted to the Bureau together with your recommendations. Two copies of all reports should be furnished to the Bureau in connection with this matter.

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NOTE:

Investigation in this matter has been initiated at the specific request of the Department. The Department has furnished the opinion that the anonymous letters constitute a violation of the Federal Extortion Statutes. Accordingly, investigation is being instituted. (See memo Rosen to Belmont dated 10-27-64, JOK:mmb.) (ATTACHED)

With regard to [redacted] we have already received full information concerning the letter received by him. This information was furnished to us by letter from the Chief Postal Inspector dated 7-17-64. In view of [redacted] prominence in the Washington, D. C., area, the fact that he is a current SI Subject and is closely affiliated with communist activities, we are not interviewing him at the present time.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 11/10/64

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Walters
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-3601) Attention: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING
SENT FROM ALLEGED SUPPORTERS
OF SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER;
[redacted]
ET AL - VICTIMS
EXTORTION
PHOTOGRAPHED 1964
[redacted]
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 11/2/64.

Enclosed are the following items:

Envelope post marked "Kingsburg, Calif. JUL. 8 P.M. 1964" with type written address "Pearl Hart 2821 N. Pine Grove Chicag_o, Ill.:"

A white card contained therein captioned "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & SYMPATHIZERS."

For the information of the Laboratory, victim advised 11/4/64 that when she opened the above described envelope, she tore to the left of and below the postage stamp and repaired the tears with white tape. She stated the fingerprints on the tape and adjacent thereto are undoubtedly her prints. She is the only person who handled the enclosed card. She has never been fingerprinted and has no objection to being fingerprinted for elimination purposes.

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(3) - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM) REC-64
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C. C. Wick JAP:csm
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F. W. W. 12-1-64 DJR
Approved: ERROR LETTER SENT Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

95-110865

The FBI Laboratory is requested to process enclosures for latent fingerprints. Also to compare enclosures with items submitted by referenced airtel to determine if possibly from the same source.

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11/13/64
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded: 11-19-64/11:00am Received: 11-19-64/cbg

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Lab File
File # 95-110865 -39
Lab. # D463229 DL

LC# 48833

Re:
Unsubs; Anonymous Letters
Being sent from alleged
supporters of Senator Barry
Goldwater; [redacted] et al.
-VICTIMS;
Extortion

L A T E N T

Examination requested (Office of origin): Chicago (9-3601) 11/10/64

Examination requested: DOCUMENT - FINGERPRINT Date received: 11/12/64

Result of Examination: Examination by: [redacted] Jm2

Lat prts under transparent tape on Q37 are of no val — 11/23 apc —
Spec's processed (I-V and SV)
No lat prts of val dev

Specs ret

Lab rpt fwd

For copies see D-462721

1 Los Angeles
1 San Francisco
1 WFO

Specimens submitted for examination

Q37 An envelope postmarked "~~Kings~~ KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 PM 1964" bearing typewritten address "Pearl Hart 2821 N. Pine Grove Chicag o, Ill."

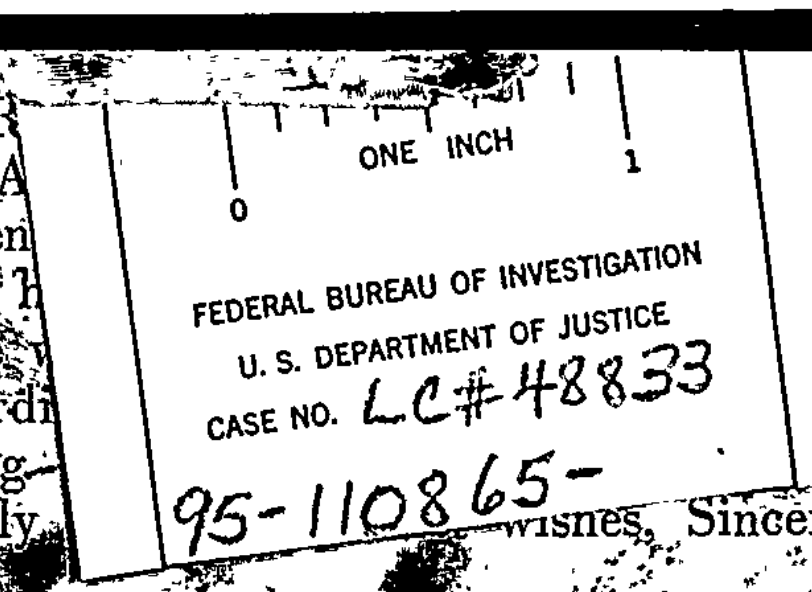
Q38 Accompanying card bearing title " OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

1 - Cord
Rep

Ans ltr 11-25-64
Rel: jmr

Examination completed: Date 11/24 Time 3 PM Dictated: Date 11/25 7-Jm2

The FBI Laboratory is requested to process enclosures for latent fingerprints. Also to compare enclosures with items submitted by referenced airtel to determine if possibly from the same source.



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cob K. Javits, U.S.S."

John M. Bailey, chairman Democratic National Committee, wrote pt. 16 that he had "asked the appropriate officials to look into this ıtter." Mr. Schappes' letter to the U.S. Attorney General Aug. 27 is finally answered Oct. 13 by Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney neral, Criminal Division Department of Justice. "This matter is ceiving our careful consideration." This is what Mr. Miller had itten to Rep. William F. Ryan on Sept. 3.

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page 33 of Magazine

"More on Death Threats to Our Editors"

PD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 11/2/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (9-3601)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; Anonymous Letters
Being Sent From
Alleged Supporters of
Senator BARRY GOLDWATER;
[redacted]
ET AL -
VICTIMS
EXTORTION
OO: Chicago

ReBuTel to Chicago, dated 10/29/64.

The following items are enclosed:

3 envelopes, each postmarked "PM 8 JUL 1964 Chicago, Ill. 1A" with typewritten addresses: [redacted] Second envelope is addressed to [redacted]. The last envelope is addressed to [redacted] Berkeley, Calif.", each containing a card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS". These items were received from postal inspector in Charge, Chicago, by letter dated July 30, 1964, who received them from the Postal Inspector, Oakland, California. The Postal Inspector in Oakland received them July 13, 1964, from the Postmaster, Berkeley, California. The Postmaster, Berkeley, California, advised the Postal Inspector, Oakland, that victim [redacted] furnished his letter to the Postmaster

3 - Bureau (Encls. 14) (RM)
1 - Los Angeles (Info)
1 - New York (Info)
1 - San Francisco (Info)
1 - WFO (Info)
2 - Chicago

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11-9-64 AP:djm
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.

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on July 13, 1964 and the other two letters were intercepted July 12, 1964, by postal authorities. b6 b7C

Also enclosed is an envelope postmarked "PM JUL 1964 Chicago, Ill. 2A" with typewritten address [redacted]" and accompanying "OPEN LETTER". These items were received from postal inspector in charge, Chicago, by letter dated August 11, 1964, who received them from the Postal Inspector, San Francisco, California, who received them by letter dated July 30, 1964, from [redacted] Attorney for [redacted]

Also enclosed is an envelope postmarked "JUL 8 PM 1964 Kingsburg Calif." with typewritten address [redacted]" and accompanying "OPEN LETTER". These items were received from victim [redacted] on August 4, 1964..

Also enclosed is an envelope postmarked "JUL 8 PM 1964 Kingsburg, Calif." with typewritten address [redacted]" and accompanying "OPEN LETTER". These items were received from victim [redacted] July 16, 1964, by mail.

Also enclosed is an envelope postmarked "JUL 8 PM 1964, Kingsburg Calif." with typewritten address [redacted]" and accompanying "OPEN LETTER". These items were received from victim [redacted] by letter dated July 16, 1964.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to process all envelopes and enclosures for latent impressions of value. Also to attempt to determine make and model of typewriter used to address envelopes and to search such items through anonymous letter file. Upon completion

of examinations, items should be returned to Chicago.

Copies of the results of the examination should be furnished to Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and WFO, which offices are designated to receive information copies of this communication.

Chicago will interview all victims and obtain envelopes and "OPEN LETTERS" from victims [redacted] and HART for submission to FBI Laboratory.

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FD-263 (Rev. 5-1-59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	CHICAGO	12/9/64	7/13 - 11/30/64

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY bal b6 b7C

CHARACTER OF CASE

EXTORTION

REC-51 EX 102

TITLE OF CASE

CHANGED
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING SENT FROM
ALLEGED SUPPORTERS OF SENATOR
BARRY GOLDWATER;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
PEARL M. HART - VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
VICTIM;
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VICTIM;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
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VICTIM

Title marked changed inasmuch as this communication sets forth the names of all victims. Matter was previously captioned "UNSUBS; ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING SENT FROM ALLEGED SUPPORTERS OF SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER; [redacted], ET AL - VICTIMS, EXTORTION."

APPROVED MWO/RC SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1 - USA, Chicago
1 - Los Angeles (9-3151) (Info)
1 - New York (9-3942) (Info)
2 - San Francisco
1 - Washington Field (Info)
2 - Chicago (9-3601)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	1 cc of report to [redacted]			
Request Recd.	Division atty			
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REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Bureau captioned, "UNSUB; [redacted] - VICTIM; EXTORTION-RM-BM" dated 7/15/64.
Chicago airtels to Bureau dated 7/23/64 captioned:
"UNSUB; [redacted] - VICTIM, EXTORTION;"
"UNSUB; [redacted] VICTIM, EXTORTION;"
"UNSUB; [redacted] - VICTIM, EXTORTION."
Chicago airtel to Bureau captioned "UNSUB; [redacted] ET AL VICTIMS, EXTORTION" dated 8/14/64.
Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/29/64 captioned, "UNSUB; ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING SENT FROM ALLEGED SUPPORTERS OF SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER; [redacted] ET AL - VICTIMS, EXTORTION."
Chicago airtels to Bureau, captioned as above Bureau airtel, dated 11/2/64 and 11/10/64.
Washington Field letter to Bureau dated 12/3/64.

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LEADS

LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON FIELD - INFORMATION

Information copies designated in view of interest captioned matter.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA. Regarding Bureau airtel dated October 29, 1964 directed that victims [redacted] and [redacted] be interviewed concerning "Open Letters" they received unless a field office has information indicating the victim should not be interviewed, in which case the Bureau was to be advised together with recommendations. Field office files were to be checked prior to interviews with victims. FD-302s were to be submitted to Chicago for inclusion in report. If not already, done, San Francisco will check field files and interview victims.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. Interview victim [redacted] for possible suspects. No address available to Chicago for [redacted]

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CG 9-3601

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will interview [redacted] to determine if he has any suspects in this matter and to obtain his description.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The investigative period of this report is extensive because it includes the initial date, July 13, 1964 that "Open Letters" were first brought to the attention of the Chicago Office by victim, [redacted] It is noted that upon receipt of information by Chicago of the "Open Letters" received by victims [redacted] and [redacted] the facts were immediately presented to the Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, for a prosecutive opinion and that the Bureau was promptly advised in each case that the Assistant United States Attorney had declined prosecution and the cases were closed in accordance with existing Bureau instructions. All victims in the Chicago Division were promptly advised that the United States Attorney had declined prosecution.

FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Chicago

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: Chicago
Date: DECEMBER 9, 1964

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Field Office File #: CG 9-3601 Bureau File #: 95-110865

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
ANONYMOUS LETTERS BEING SENT FROM
ALLEGED SUPPORTERS OF SENATOR
BARRY GOLDWATER;
[redacted] - VICTIM;
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[redacted] VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: Victims, residing California, Illinois, New York and Washington, D.C., received typewritten envelopes postmarked 7/8/64 at either Kingsburg, California or Chicago, Illinois, that contained cards captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers," and threat to kill Communists if any violence directed against Senator GOLDWATER. Department of Justice considers threats contained in letters to be prosecutable violation of Federal Extortion Statute. Envelopes and cards obtained from eleven victims, examined by FBI Laboratory and Latent Fingerprint Section, FBI Identification Division, and results of examinations set out. Seven Chicago, Illinois and one New York, New York victims interviewed and no suspects developed. Postal authorities Kingsburg, California, Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. unable to furnish pertinent information. Protective Research Section, U.S. Secret Service, White House, Washington, D.C., has no record of similar letters and has no suspects. Descriptions of victims [redacted] HART and [redacted] set out.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Investigation in this matter was predicated upon the receipt of a letter dated October 13, 1964 by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from Mr. HERBERT J. MILLER, JR., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington,D.C., indicating that a letter postmarked July 8, 1964, at Kingsburg, California, addressed to PEARL HART, 2821 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois and an envelope similarly postmarked, addressed to [redacted] each containing a card captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers", constituted violations of the Federal Extortion Statute, Title 18, United States Code, Section 876.

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The cards received by HART and [redacted] had the following message under the caption:

"It has come to our attention that threats have been made against Sen. Goldwater's life, and that your Soviet Communist UN delegate Fedorenko called for Goldwater to be 'put into a strait-jacket.'

"The patience of American patriots is not unlimited. If any violence is directed against Senator Goldwater, Communists in the U.S.A. hereby stand advised that their corpses will then fill the morgues.

"There is also a growing sentiment among patriots to require a Communist life for every American boy killed by your colleagues in Asia or elsewhere.

"COMRADES: You and your fellow vermin have enslaved a billion human beings by means of terror, murder, rape, and torture.

"FREE MEN are calling a halt to Communism -- NOW!"

AT NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS

On July 13, 1964, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that she had received an envelope postmarked July 8, 1964 at Kingsburg, California, with her address typewritten thereon, that contained a card captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers." She made the items available to SA [redacted]

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On July 15, 1964, the facts of the communication received by [redacted] were presented to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] by SA [redacted] stated he declined prosecution in this matter because the threat contained in the card is highly conditional and indirect and would not lend itself to prosecution under the Federal Extortion Statute.

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By letter dated August 11, 1964, the Postal Inspector in Charge, Chicago, forwarded to the Chicago Office of the FBI a letter that had been furnished to Postal authorities by [redacted] on behalf of her client. The letter received by [redacted] had been postmarked July 8, 1964 at Chicago and contained a card captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers."

On August 14, 1964, the letters received by [redacted] and [redacted] were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, by SA [redacted] in the absence of [redacted] was advised of all prior letters that had been discussed with [redacted] and of [redacted] opinion. [redacted] stated he also would decline prosecution in instant letters for the same reason [redacted] had declined prosecution in the prior letters and would advise [redacted] accordingly.

By letter dated September 15, 1964, PEARL M. HART, Attorney, 30 North La Salle Street, Chicago, forwarded to the Attorney General of the United States a photostat of an envelope she had received at her home address, 2821 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois that had been postmarked July 8, 1964 at Kingsburg, California, that contained a card captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers."

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PEARL M. HART, Attorney, Room 733, 30 North La Salle Street, advised as follows:

About the middle of July, 1964, she received the following items in the mail at her residence, 2321 North Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago:

Envelope postmarked "JUL 8 PM 1964 KINGSBURG CALIF." with typewritten address "Pearl Hart 2321 N. Pine Grove Chicag_o, Ill."

A white card contained therein with a printed message, possibly mimeographed, captioned "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS".

She made the envelope and card available and stated she did not desire to have them returned to her.

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She has no suspects in mind who might have sent these items to her. She has never been to Kingsburg, California, and has no acquaintances there. She has never received any other mail so postmarked.

She noted that she has been practicing law for more than 50 years in Chicago and has had numerous articles printed that carried her home address as listed on the envelope.

She recalled that when she opened the above described envelope, she tore the envelope to the left of and below the postage stamp and repaired the tears with white tape. She said the fingerprints on the tape and adjacent thereto are undoubtedly her fingerprints. She is the only person who handled the card. She has never been fingerprinted and said she has no objection to being fingerprinted for elimination purposes.

On 11/4/64 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 0-3601

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] /JMB Date dictated 11/4/64

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She did not know any other persons who received similar letters. She was unable to furnish additional information and said that in the event she received similar letters, she will immediately advise the FBI and preserve the items for latent fingerprint purposes.

She was advised that if she desired protection, she should inform the Chicago Police Department of the contents of the letter.

The following description was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Name	PEARL MINNIE HART
Race	White
Sex	Female
Birth	April 7, 1890, Traverse City, Michigan
Height	5'10½"
Weight	240 lbs.
Hair	Short, gray
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Wears eyeglasses
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Attorney
Residence	2321 North Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois Lakewood Boulevard, Holland, Michigan (weekends)

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By communication dated November 3, 1964, the envelope and card received by [redacted] were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination by the New York Office.

On November 4, 1964, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chicago, was advised by SA [redacted] of the decision of the Department of Justice in this matter.

By communication dated November 5, 1964, the New York Office of the FBI advised that SA [redacted] had received an envelope addressed to the New York Office that contained an original envelope addressed to Jewish Currents, 22 East Seventeenth Street, New York 3, New York, postmarked July 8, 1964 at Kingsburg, California and a card captioned "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers." The envelope received by SA [redacted] did not contain any cover letter to indicate the source of the items.

By communication dated November 5, 1964, the items received by SA [redacted] were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

By communication dated November 10, 1964, the envelope and letter received by PEARL HART were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

On November 10, 1964, Chief Postal Inspector [redacted], Main Post Office, Chicago, advised SA [redacted] that his office has no information about the source of such "Open Letters." He noted that all such matters referred to his office are immediately referred to the Chicago Office of the FBI.

By communication dated November 18, 1964, the FBI Laboratory reported as follows:

Specimens received November 4, 1964, from FBI, New York

Q17 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted] Jewish Currents 22 E. 17th St. New York 3, N.Y." b6 b7C

Q18 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Qc19 Photocopy of envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Jewish Currents 22 E. Seventeenth St. New York 3, N.Y."

Qc20 Photocopy of card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Page 33 of the November 1964 issue of Jewish Currents entitled "MORE ON DEATH THREATS TO OUR EDITORS"

Specimens received November 4, 1964, from FBI, Chicago

Q21 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q22 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q23 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q24 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q25 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG, CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q26 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q27 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

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Q28 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q29 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q30 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q31 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO, ILL. JUL 7 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q32 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Q33 Envelope postmarked "CHICAGO ILL. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address [redacted]

Q34 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Specimens received November 6, 1964, from FBI, New York

Q35 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Jewish Currents 22 E. Seventeenth St. New York 3, N.Y."

Q36 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

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Specimens received November 12, 1964, from FBI, Chicago

Q37 Envelope postmarked "KINGSBURG CALIF. JUL 8 1964 PM" bearing typewritten address "Pearl Hart 2821 N. Pine Grove Chicago, Ill."

Q38 Card entitled "OPEN LETTER TO COMMUNISTS & THEIR SYMPATHIZERS"

Result of examination:

It was found that the addresses on the envelopes designated as Q13, Q15, Q17, Qc19, Q21, Q23, Q25, Q27, Q29, Q31, Q33, Q35, and Q37 were all prepared on a typewriter or typewriters equipped with Underwood elite type spaced twelve letters per inch. The typewriting is too limited to permit a determination as to whether these addresses were prepared on the same typewriter. These envelopes are all similar in size and style, and each bears a postage stamp commemorating Sam Houston.

The messages on the cards designated as Q14, Q16, Q18, Qc20, Q22, Q24, Q26, Q28, Q30, Q32, Q34, Q36, and Q38 are mechanical reproductions made from the same original. The make and model of typewriter used to type the original from which these reproductions were made were not determined because no such standard was located in the Typewriter Standards File. The place where these reproductions were made was not determined.

No indented writing, watermarks or other characteristics were found which would aid in tracing the origin of the paper or the identity of the senders.

A further search of the Anonymous Letter File was not made at this time.

By communication dated November 17, 1964, the Los Angeles Office of the FBI advised as follows:

On November 16, 1964, CHESTER JERN, Postmaster, Kingsburg, California, advised SA [redacted] as follows: JERN was shown photostats of two envelopes, both postmarked July 8, 1964, at Kingsburg, California addressed to [redacted] and to PEARL HART, 2821 North Pine Grove, Chicago, Illinois. JERN said he had no knowledge of who might have mailed these envelopes. He stated that in July, 1964, the new freeway past Kingsburg had not yet been completed and the old route, Highway 99, was still in use. Highway 99 is the main California highway between San Francisco and Los Angeles and passes two blocks from the street on which the Post Office is located. He noted Highway 99 does not connect directly with San Francisco. He explained that frequently people passing through Kingsburg, on Highway 99, have mailed items at the Kingsburg Post Office in the past.

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JERN and SA [redacted] showed the envelopes to two other regular employees then on duty at the Post Office. One of them, [redacted] stated he recalled removing 50 or 60 letters which he believed were similar in appearance to the photostats from the mailbox directly in front of the Post Office. He recalled the envelopes were addressed to people all over the United States and had no return address on them. He added that he could not be positive that the two envelopes were in the group he recalled but believed that they were because he recalled the Sam Houston postage stamp which they had not sold for sometime at the Kingsburg Post Office. [redacted] stated he had absolutely no way of knowing who might have placed the items in the mailbox and did not know what they contained.

By communication dated November 25, 1964, the Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that seven envelopes and seven accompanying cards, specimens Q21 through Q34, were examined and two latent fingerprints of value were developed on envelope Q27 and one latent palm

print of value was developed on envelope Q33. No latent impressions of value were developed on two envelopes and two cards, specimens Q35 through Q38.

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On November 30, 1964, [redacted] was telephonically contacted by SA [redacted] to arrange for an interview. [redacted] Essex Community Church, has numerous charitable functions scheduled during the pre-Christmas weeks and that he would be unable to arrange for an interview until after December 8, 1964.

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

On November 30, 1964, Postal Inspector [redacted] United States Post Office, 12th and Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., advised SA [redacted] the Post Office Department has received a number of similar type letters, i.e., "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers," which were turned over to the Justice Department since the letters were contained in envelopes and constituted no violation of postal laws.

Inspector [redacted] said the Post Office Department has conducted no investigation in this matter and has no suspects.

On November 30, 1964, Assistant Special Agent in Charge [redacted] Protective Research Section, United States Secret Service, White House, Washington, D.C., advised SA [redacted] his agency has received no communications similar to the "Open Letter to Communists & Their Sympathizers." He had no suspects.